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SUBJECT: PRESS ATTENTION TO ALLEGED US NUCLEAR PLANNING

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1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY RECORD OF A US PUBLIC STATEMENT HAVING BEEN MADE IN 1970 IN RESPONSE TO THE ARTICLE "ATOM BOMBS ON KIEL" CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 1, 1970 ISSUE OF STERN MAGAZINE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE FRG FMOD STATEMENT OF JANUARY 28, 1970 (REPORTED IN BONN 991, 291608Z JANUARY 1970, REPEATED TO ALL NATO CAPITALS VIA STATE 014508, 300027Z JANUARY 1970) WAS ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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2. IF QUERIED BY PRESS IN CONNECTION WITH ZDF CASE, EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND THAT US POLICY PRECLUDES COMMENT

ON ACCURACY OF SPECIFICS IN STERN ARTICLE OR ON AUTHENTICITY OF DOCUMENTS ON WHICH IT ALLEGEDLY WAS BASED.

3. HOWEVER, WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLICATION IN THE ARTICLE THAT PLANNING FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE IS PRIMARILY A US MATTER, EMBASSY MAY NOTE THAT PLANNING FOR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SUPPORT OF NATO IS BY NO MEANS A UNILATERAL US TASK, AND THAT NATO ALLIES ARE HEAVILY

INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. MOST RECENT PUBLIC TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT IS CONTAINED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF SECDEF'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON "THE THEATER NUCLEAR FORCE POSTURE IN EUROPE" (THE "NUNN NUCLEAR REPORT"), SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS ON APRIL 1, 1975 IN COMPLIANCE WITH PL 93-365. (COPIES OF THE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED REPORTS WERE POUCHED TO EMBASSY, BONN.)

4. ELEMENTS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED REPORT UPON WHICH EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES INCLUDE:

A. PARAGRAPH B2B (PAGES 5 AND 6), ENTITLED "COORDINATED

PLANNING," WHICH DEALS WITH THE PRIMARY MECHANISMS INVOLVED IN NUCLEAR PLANNING TO SUPPORT NATO'S FORCE POSTURE AND DEFENSE PLANS.

B. PARAGRAPH B2D (PAGE 7), ENTITLED "POLITICAL CONTROL OF NATO NUCLEAR WEAPONS," WHICH NOTES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE US PRESIDENT ALONE CAN RELEASE FOR USE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALLIES.

C. PARAGRAPH B2C (PAGES 6 AND 7), ENTITLED "NUCLEAR WEAPONS," WHICH DESCRIBES PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION AND STOCKPILE AGREEMENTS UNDER WHICH THE US DEPLOYS NUCLEAR WARHEADS/WEAPONS FOR USE BY ALLIED DELIVERY VEHICLES.
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D. PARAGRAPH E1A (PAGES 25 AND 26), ENTITLED "NATO PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS," WHICH OUTLINES NUCLEAR PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (NPG).

5. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FMOD OF INTENDED US LINE OF RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES, AND CLEAR WITH THEM POSSIBLE US REFERENCE TO THE 1970 FRG STATEMENT CITED IN PARA 1 (TEXT BEING REPEATED SEPTTEL). KISSINGER

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